



Ifu

Patent N2 Towers 0-02-141.0; 2641-95 DAR

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventors: Richardson et al. Title: System and Method For Suppressing Fires
Serial No.: 10/672,169 Examiner: Dinh Q Nguyen
Filed: September 26, 2003 Art Unit: 3752

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the outstanding Official Action dated June 10, 2005 issued in respect of the above-identified application.

Claim 7 has been amended to clarify the invention.

In the Official Action, the Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 2 to 5, 7, and 15 to 20 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 8, and 14 to 20 of copending application No. 10/286,590. The Examiner has also provisionally rejected claims 11 to 13 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 to 8, and 14 to 20 of copending application No. 10/286,590 in view of Galbraith et al.

Applicant encloses herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) in order to ensure that the term of a patent issued from this application does not extend beyond the term of a patent issued from copending application No. 10/286,590. It is believed that the terminal disclaimer overcomes the provisional rejections based on the non-statutory double patenting grounds, and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 7, 11 to 13, 15 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,024,889 (Holland et al.). Applicant respectfully